

How to understand EPO search reports and written opinions

Date

Start: 19.06.2013
End: 21.06.2013

Notice

Registration is open!

Location

Thessaloniki, Greece

Organised by

- European Patent Academy

Working language(s)

English

Description

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Topics

- Review of the ESSR in the grant procedure at the EPO
- Review of the written opinion (WO-ISA) in the PCT phase
- Review of the structure and content of search reports
- Consideration of priority at the search stage
- Categories of cited documents
- The structure and legal basis of written opinions
- The impact of the written opinion in the examination procedure
- Incomplete search and exclusions
- Assessment of novelty and inventive step in written opinions
- Clarity and lack-of-unity objections in written opinions
- Practical exercises: analysis of search results and findings in written opinions

Target groups

- IP authorities, patent offices, civil servants, customs officials
- Interested public

Level of expertise

Intermediate

Medium

Classroom training

Objectives

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Prerequisites

Participants must have basic to intermediate skills in dealing with patent literature and an interest in understanding the structure and content of search reports and written opinions.

The working language is English.

Registration fee

EUR 250,-

This fee covers the participation, the seminar material and the catering for the whole event for one participant. The fee cannot be split and is only refundable until 29 days before the first seminar day. After this date there is no refund possible.

If you are a staff member of a national patent office of an EPC contracting state, the payment of the registration fee is not required.

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Venue details

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Max. number of participants

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Registration deadline

24.05.2013

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